

(a) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate the South Eastern Railway zone with Vishakhapatnam as its Headquarters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Cancellation of Samastipur-Patna Train**

\*73. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the only direct train between Samastipur and Patna has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to fall in rail traffic consequent upon opening of Mahatma Gandhi Setu between Hajipur and Patna from 2.3.1982.

(c) There is no proposal to restore this train.

#### **Promotion of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Systems of Medicine**

\*74. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems of medicine to attain the goal of "Health for all by 2000 A.D."; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Health Policy assigns an important role to the Indigenous Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy to supplement the role of modern medicine in the delivery of primary health care in the context of our national target of health for all by the year 2000 A. D.

Government is giving critical inputs for improvement of medical education, quality control of drugs and research.

[Translation]

#### **University in the Name of Baba Saheb Ambedkar**

\*75. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had decided two years back to set up a University in the name of Baba Saheb Ambedkar in Lucknow; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) An Act to set up Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University at Lucknow was passed by the U.P. State Legislature in October, 1989. According to the information furnished by the State Government, 244 acres of land has been acquired by the State for establishing the University, and the work on construction has also started. The State Government has so far released an amount